

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of the subject application. Claims 1-2, 7, 20, 28, 33, 38, and 43-47 are presently canceled without prejudice. Claims 3-5, 8-9, 21-23, 34-37, 48-50, and 52-53 are amended. Accordingly, claims 3-6, 8-19, 21-27, 29-32, 34-37, 39-42 and 48-53 are pending.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for the detailed analysis presented in this Office Action.

Allowed Claims

Claims 10-19, 25-27, 29-32, 39-42 are allowed. (*Action dated 10/04/04, page 15*). Applicant thanks the Examiner for allowing these claims. These claims remain unchanged an in condition for allowance.

Claims 3-6, 22-24, 35, 36, and 48-51 are objected to, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. These claims are either rewritten in independent form and in condition for allowance, or are incorporated into respective base claims leaving the base claims in condition for allowance, or depend from an allowable claim that has been rewritten.

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-2, 8-9, 20-21, 28, 33-34, 37-38, 43-47, and 52-53 remain rejected. These claims are either canceled, without prejudice, or are rewritten to depend from allowable claims.

Conclusion

Claims 3-6, 8-19, 21-27, 29-32, 34-37, 39-42 and 48-53 are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and issuance of the subject application. Should any matter in this case remain unresolved, the undersigned attorney respectfully requests a telephone conference with the Examiner to resolve any such outstanding matter.

Respectfully Submitted,

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